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ACT Celebrates Silver Anniversary

Twenty-five years ago, Pastor Fred Lewis and some of his First United Methodist congregation decided to put their acting skills to use. From that group, Ankeny Community Theatre was born. Since then it has been a venue for a long list of local actors, directors, stage crews and volunteers to use their talents to provide entertainment to the Ankeny area. Hundreds of dedicated volunteers have donated countless hours over the past 25 years to keep ACT a part of the community.

For years, the group performed shows in many locations around Ankeny including Ankeny High School, Neveln Center, Lakeside Center and the old movie theater building on West 1st Street. In 1993, with the help of Denny Elwell, ACT moved into a place it could call home. Sweat and many hours converted the empty space into a community theater. ACT has expanded its season from one to two shows a year to five, and sometimes even six. Children's theater and educational opportunities have been a vital part of ACT since 2004.

Ankeny Community Theatre would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to its loyal audiences, supporters and business partners. Without their support, ACT would not be celebrating its 25th anniversary. With your continued support, ACT looks forward to providing live theater to Ankeny for another 25 years.

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*And Then There Were None
(Ten Little Indians)*

November 3 - 19

Wizard of Oz

January 12 - 28

Godspell

March 2 - 18

Arsenic and Old Lace

April 27 - May 13

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CAST

(in order of appearance)

Rogers	Doug Chew
Mrs. Rogers	Kathryn Bisbey
Fred Narracott	C.W. "Bud" Pratt
Vera Claythorne	Dawn Hockemeyer
Philip Lombard	John Claes
Anthony Marston	Aaron Price
Wilma Blore	Susan Jacobson
General MacKenzie	Ken Reams
Emily Brent	Debi Garner
Sir Lawrence Wargrave	Keith Pederson
Dr. Armstrong	Kyle Chizek

ACT I - A summer evening in August

15 minute intermission

ACT II - Scene 1: The following morning

ACT II - Scene 2: The same day-afternoon

10 minute intermission

ACT III - Scene 1: The same day-evening

ACT III - Scene 2: The following afternoon

The story takes place on Soldier Island off Devon, England.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO AUDIENCE MEMBERS

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL GUN SHOTS DURING THIS PRODUCTION.

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

PRODUCTION CREW

Director	Barbara Merrill Wagner
Assistant Director	Steve Hickle
Stage Manager	Aaron Price, Kathryn Bisbey & Harold Mosier
Costumes	Kara Jane Curl, Cast & Crew
Props	Shelley Blok, Cast & Crew
Set Construction	Dick Wilson & Jerry Reid
Set Decoration	Cast and Crew
Lights/Sound	Harold Mosier, Polly Taylor
Marketing	Dawn Hockemeyer, Jolene Swartz & Lynn Arterburn
Playbill	Lynn Arterburn
Website	Doug Arterburn
Photographers	Doug & Lynn Arterburn
Front Lobby Display	Jo & Jerry Reid

DIRECTOR THANKS THE FOLLOWING

Susan Casber	DJ Horrigan
Steve Hickle	Doris Merrill
Don Wagner	

And, of course, the entire cast/crew of
"And Then There Were None"

SPECIAL THANKS FOR RECORDINGS

Hayley Blok	Michael Cornelison
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IN MEMORIAM

Warren Merrill



Kathryn Bisbey (Ethel Rogers) is a familiar face to ACT audiences, appearing in many shows including the *Nonsense* shows, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *Schoolhouse Rock Live*. She works at ADP in West Des Moines, directs the Contemporary Worship Band at Ankeny First United Methodist Church, and helps teach "boot camp" at CrossTrain Fitness Center in Ankeny. Kathryn is married to Jim ("a wonderful man") and they have a furry family of two cats - Sir Ramsey and Princess Jasmine. Now, her cheap advertising plug - "Mark your calendars for December 9 when I will be presenting my 6th Annual Christmas Concert at Ankeny First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m."



Doug Chew (Thomas Rogers) recently portrayed Mr. Webb on the ACT stage in *Our Town*. He has performed with Living History Farms, Thresholds, Des Moines Concert Singers, and Iowa Radio Reading Information Service. He is married and has two grown sons. He says he is a servant at home as well as in this show - to a tigercat named Iggy. Doug works in customer relations with Yellow Transportation. He grew up in Oklahoma, worked in the Dallas area, and moved to Des Moines 11 years ago.



Kyle Chizek (Dr. Armstrong) appeared on the ACT stage last season in *Don't Drink the Water* and *Schoolhouse Rock, Live!* He has performed at numerous theaters including Cedar Falls Community Theatre, Waterloo Community Theatre, Theater...for a Change, and Rabid Dog Theatre. Kyle serves on the ACT Board and is in charge of our Children's Education Program. He works at Jenny Craig Weight Loss Center and collects martini glasses (approximately 64 right now). In Cedar Falls, Kyle was in the musical version of *Ten Little Indians* which is called *Something's Afoot*.



John Claes (Philip Lombard) performed the role of George Bailey last holiday season in ACT's production of *It's a Wonderful Life*. In a "previous life", he appeared in Coe College productions as well as Cedar Rapids' *Follies*. John is regional director for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, is married to Anne, and they have a daughter, Katherine. Each family member has appeared on the ACT stage. John is the new secretary of the ACT Board and also performs with ACT II.



Debi Garner (Emily Brent) was last seen by Des Moines area audiences in Drama Workshop's presentation of *The Smell of the Kill*. She has appeared at the Des Moines Playhouse, Ingersoll Dinner Theater, and on our stage here at ACT in *Steel Magnolias*, *Harvey*, and the female version of *The Odd Couple*. Debi is married to John Richards, they have a cat named Thomas L. Thomas III, and they ballroom dance at Lake Robbins Ballroom. "Thank you to John and mom, Marian Garner, for encouraging and supporting me in my 'theatrics'."



Dawn Hockemeyer (Vera Claythorne) is head of Marketing on the ACT Board of Directors. She appeared on our stage in last season's *Don't Drink the Water*. Dawn is married to Greg and they have a wonderful daughter, Katelyn, who loves to help mom memorize lines. She helps at her daughter's school and also at her church, Ankeny Evangelical Free Church.



Dr. Susan Jacobson (Wilma Blore) most recently performed on our stage as a Townsperson/Cemetery Resident in *Our Town*. She was also busy here last year, appearing in *Don't Drink the Water* and *It's a Wonderful Life* and running sound for *Caught in the Net*. She earned her DVM degree from ISU in 2005 and works as a doctor at the Low Cost Spay Clinic in Des Moines. Susan and her husband, Jeff, live in Ankeny and have two cats and one dog. When she's not "doctoring" or doing theatre, she likes to garden, run, read, write, work puzzles, watch movies, and bake. AND she loves her MG Midget!



Keith Pederson (Sir Lawrence Wargrave) is the Building Committee Chairperson on the ACT Board and works at the Grimes Post Office. On our stage, he last portrayed Doc Gibbs in *Our Town*, but Keith has performed in many shows around the Des Moines area including *Of Mice and Men* at the Des Moines Playhouse, *To Kill a Mockingbird* at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and *The Allergist's Wife* at Drama Workshop. During ACT's last season, he appeared in *Don't Drink the Water* and *It's a Wonderful Life*. He is in his first year of marriage to Karen. They have five children combined.



C.W. "Bud" Pratt (Fred Narracott) has appeared in about 30 plays at ACT including *Funny Girl* and *Sound of Music*. He has been married to Hazel for 40 years and they have five children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



Aaron Price (Anthony Marston) appeared last season in *Don't Drink the Water* (one of his favorites to date) and *Caught in the Net*. He was in the original ACT *Our Town* and also *Dearly Departed*. He collects comics, plays PS2, likes to read, and collects DVDs (he has over 300!). Aaron says it's a real stretch to play a boozing, terrible-driving, womanizing play-boy because he's definitely not rich!



Ken Reams (General John MacKenzie) was last seen by our audiences as Professor Willard/Joe Stoddard in *Our Town*. Des Moines area audiences also enjoyed Ken in Urbandale Community Theatre's summer production of *Gypsy*. He began performing in 1968 and hasn't stopped since, with the majority of his credits being at the Des Moines Playhouse and the Ingersoll Dinner Theater. Ken is married, has two children, and four grandchildren. He is a retired audiologist at the VA Medical Center.



Barbara Merrill Wagner (Director) is a theatre veteran of the Des Moines area, acting in and/or directing approximately 135 shows primarily at the Ingersoll Dinner Theater. She most recently directed ACT's production of *Our Town* and last spring, *The Fantasticks* at Prairie Creek Playhouse in Prairie City. She directed our previous season's production of *Don't Drink the Water*. Barb last appeared on stage as Tessie Tura in *Gypsy* at Urbandale Community Theatre and as Ethel Merman in Stage West's *Judy's Scary Little Christmas*. She serves on ACT's Board of Directors and has also performed on our stage in *Death and Taxes*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and *Once Upon a Mattress*. During the day, Barb can be found at Earth Tech engineering firm as their administrative assistant. Her VCR gets a workout because, in her free time, she is a reality television junkie!! She has been married to Don for 10 years and has a stepdaughter, Elizabeth.



Steve Hickle (Assistant Director) is assisting Barb Wagner for the second show in a row here at ACT. Last summer, he performed at the Iowa Fringe Festival in Rabid Dog Theatre's *Felner's People*. His other credits include *The Fantasticks* in Prairie City; *Guys and Dolls*, *Fiddler On The Roof*, and *Sweeney Todd* at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre; and numerous shows at the Des Moines Playhouse. Last season at ACT, he appeared in *Don't Drink The Water* and in one of his favorite stage credits to date, *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* In December, Des Moines area audiences will see Steve in Theatre . . . for a Change's production of *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*. "I would like to thank my wife, Cyndi, for always supporting me and my crazy theatre schedule!"

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Show Dates: December 1, 2, 8 & 9 at 7:30 p.m.

A group from ACT will be supporting another local theater this fall by attending the "Winter Wonderettes" at the Newton Community Theatre on Friday, December 8 at 7:30 PM. We will be going over and returning the same evening. For more information on how you can join this group, contact Monte Eng at 964-9473.

ACT NEEDS YOU!

ACT depends on the citizens of Ankeny and the surrounding communities to keep the theater running. Each volunteer is a valuable asset to the theater. Everyone is welcome. Time commitments can be large or small. Volunteer possibilities include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Costuming
- ◆ Set building
- ◆ Make-up
- ◆ Concessions
- ◆ Committee work

You may also support the theater by purchasing season tickets or a membership. Check out the opportunities by picking up volunteer forms or season tickets and membership forms from the box office or visit our website. You may also call the theater and the volunteer coordinator will return your call. Make new friends, have fun with old friends, and know the satisfaction of being part of live theater.

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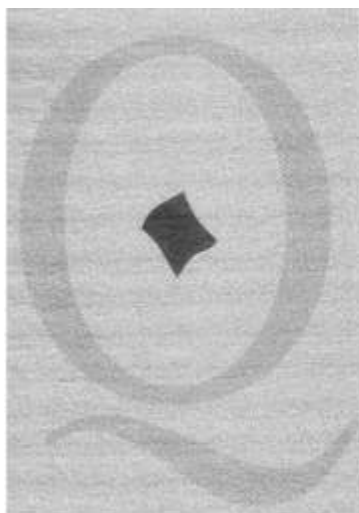
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